

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

SALVATION ARMY'S FIGHT TO END TRAFFICKING PROGRAM (SAFE-T)



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# SAFE-T'S MISSION

HELP SURVIVORS OF ALL FORMS OF TRAFFICKING  
BUILD THEIR LIVES IN A WAY THAT IS  
EMPOWERING AND MEANINGFUL TO THEM.





# TERMS

- YOUTH MISSING FROM CARE
- CHILDREN WHO ARE TRAFFICKED
- BOTTOM
- STABLE
- PRONOUNS





# TRAFFICKING DEFINITIONS



# LABOR TRAFFICKING

RECRUITMENT, HARBORING, TRANSPORTATION, PROVISION, OR  
OBTAINING OF A PERSON FOR LABOR OR SERVICES, THROUGH THE USE  
OF FORCE, FRAUD, OR COERCION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBJECTION  
TO **INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE, PEONAGE, DEBT BONDAGE,  
OR SLAVERY.**

SOURCE: THE TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT OF 2000 (TVPA)



# SEX TRAFFICKING

- RECRUITMENT, HARBORING, TRANSPORTATION, PROVISION, OR OBTAINING OF A PERSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF A **COMMERCIAL SEX ACT**, IN WHICH THE COMMERCIAL SEX ACT IS INDUCED BY **FORCE, FRAUD, OR COERCION**.
- UNDER U.S. FEDERAL AND NEBRASKA STATE LAW, **ANY MINOR UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS** INDUCED INTO COMMERCIAL SEX IS A VICTIM OF SEX TRAFFICKING.

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA)



**Sex acts** exchanged for

**Money**

**Substance  
Addictions**

**Protection**

**Shelter**

**Transportation**

**Food**



# PROSTITUTION & TRAFFICKING

- SELLING SEX DOES NOT EQUAL TRAFFICKING
- **FORCE, FRAUD, COERCION**
- VARIOUS FORMS OF COMPENSATION OR PAYMENT
- UNDER 18
- LB 843 GIVES IMMUNITY FOR PROSECUTION AGAINST PROSTITUTION
- BOTH HAVE THE POTENTIAL FOR COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

# TRAFFICKING STATISTICS



**1 in 5** children missing in 2015 were likely sex trafficking victims (that's up from 1 in 7 in 2013)



**1 in 3 youth missing from care will be approached within  
72 HOURS**

Source: National Center for Missing and Exploited Youth





## BACKPAGE RESEARCH

- BACKPAGE AND “JOHN” BOARDS.
  - 5 LOCATIONS
- CREIGHTON’S DATA SCIENTISTS THROUGH THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE.
- THIS IS ANALYSIS OF THE ONLINE MARKET.

Every month,

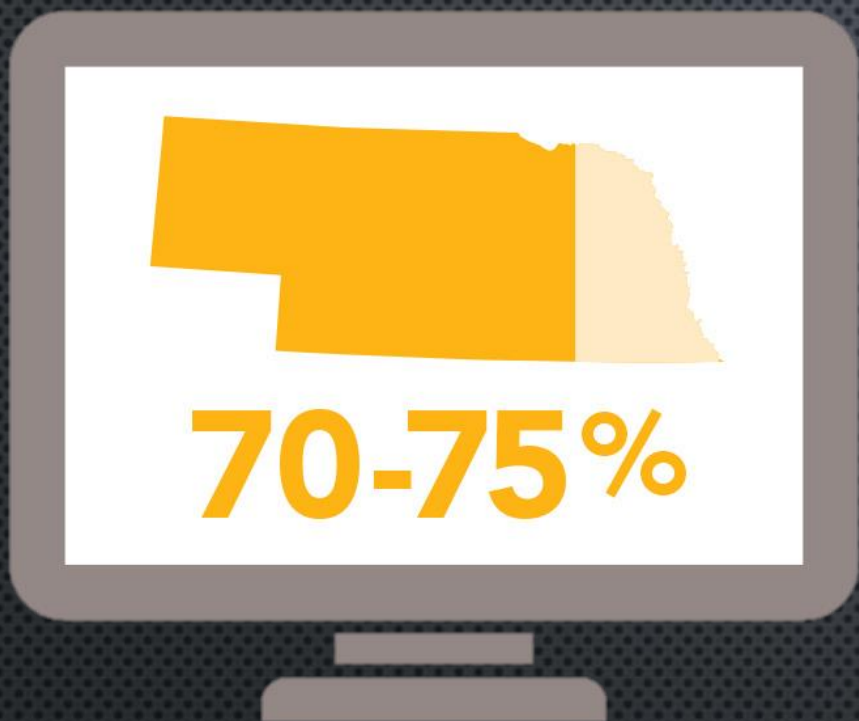
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individuals are **SOLD** for **SEX**,  
often **MULTIPLE TIMES**

in Nebraska

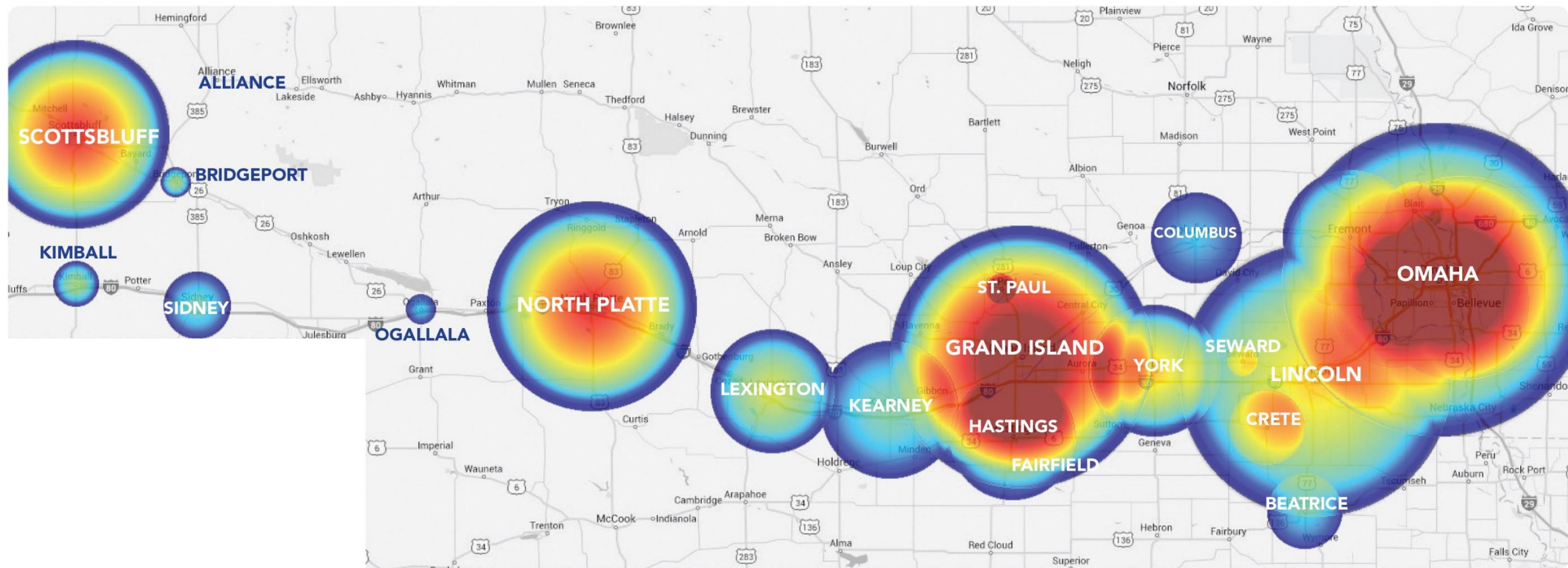




Of individuals sold for sex in Nebraska show some sign of being underage or controlled by a third party.

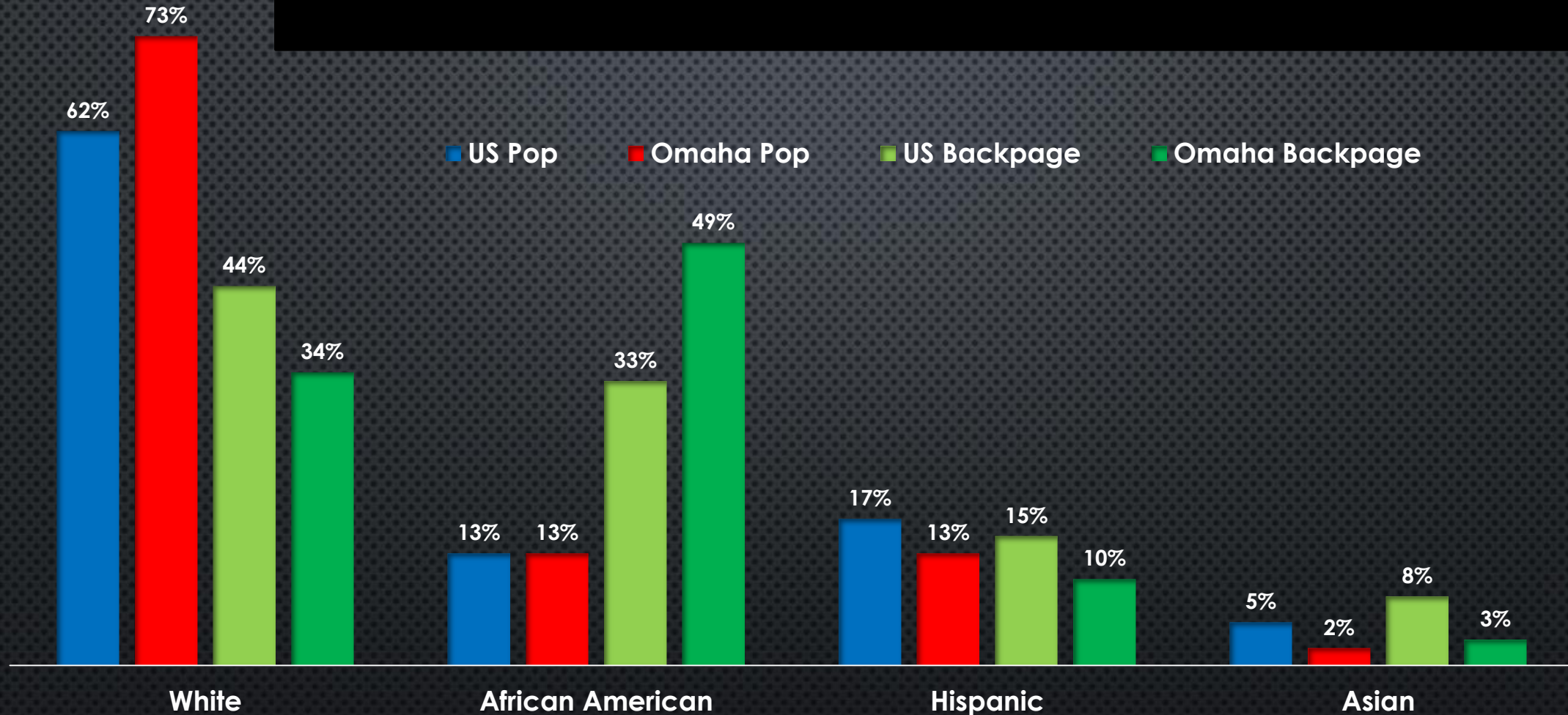


Are *conservatively* designated as “high risk” by researchers.



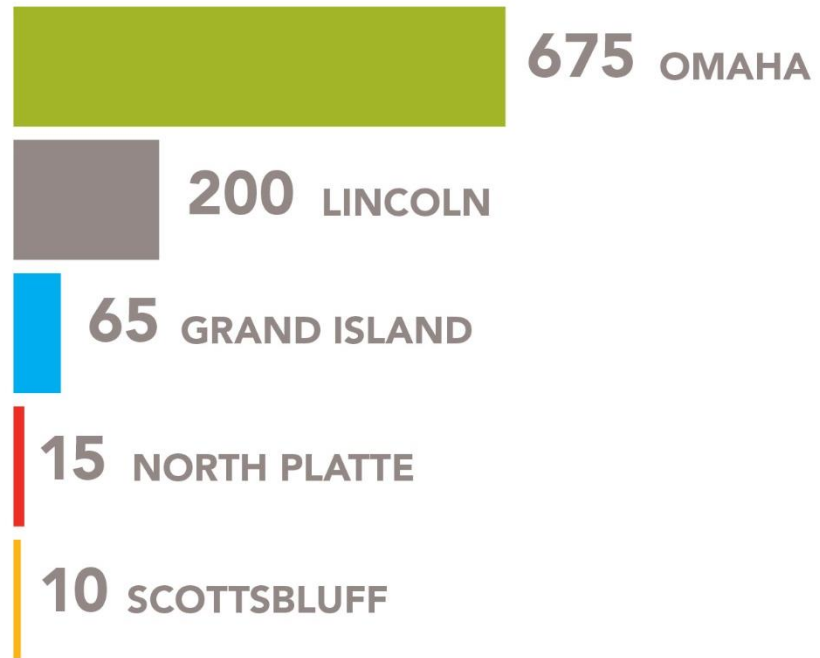


# The Omaha “Market”: Potential Victims



# RAW NUMBERS

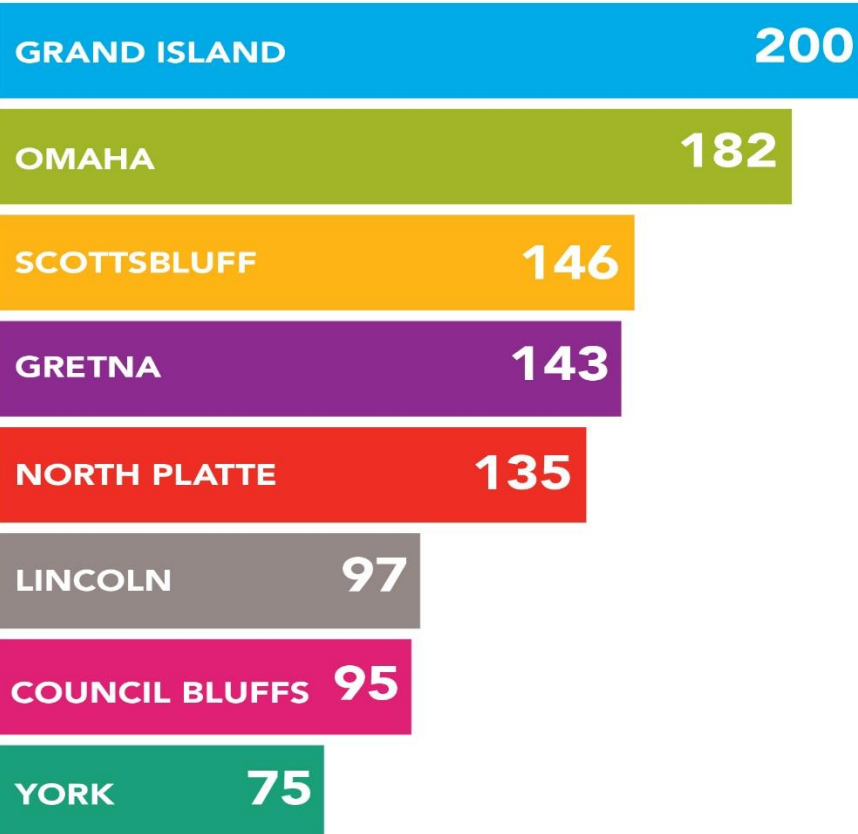
Average number of Individuals  
Sold for Sex per Month





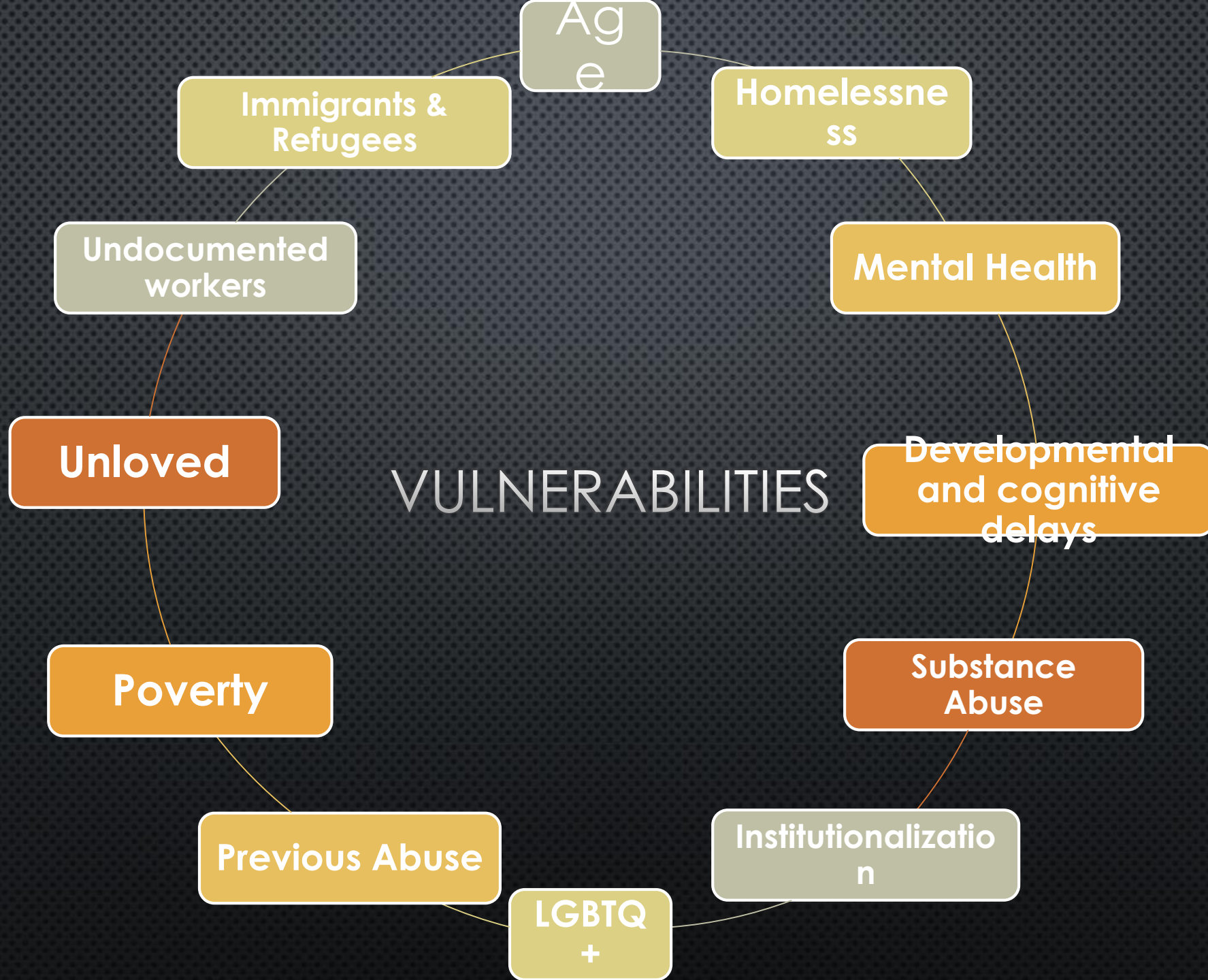
# NEBRASKA DEMAND

Individuals Sold for Sex per 100,000  
Inhabitants by Advertised Location



# VULNERABILITIES AND CONSEQUENCES







# CONVICTED SEX TRAFFICKERS IN NEBRASKA



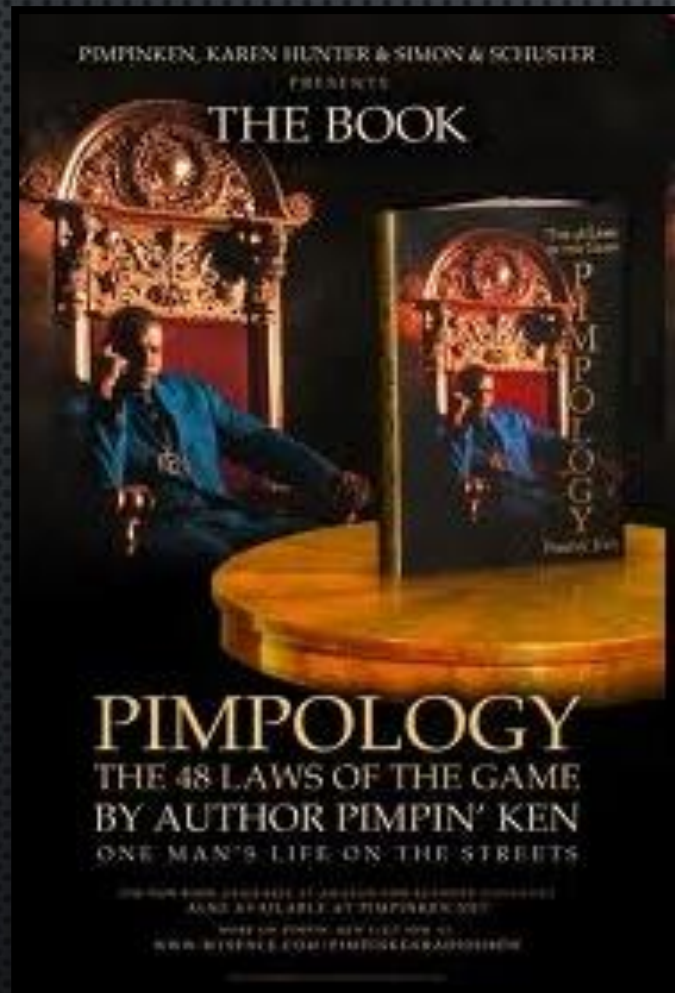


# PREY ON THE WEAK

## LAW 5

### PREY ON THE WEAK

“WEAKNESS IS THE BEST TRAIT A PERSON CAN FIND IN SOMEONE THEY WANT TO CONTROL. IF YOU CAN’T FIND A WEAKNESS, YOU HAVE TO CREATE ONE. YOU HAVE TO TEAR SOMEONE’S EGO DOWN TO NOTHING BEFORE THEY WILL START LOOKING TO YOU FOR SALVATION.” – PIMPIN’ KEN





# CONSEQUENCES

- PHYSICAL HARM
- ISOLATION
- SHAME
- TRAUMA-BONDING OR “BRAIN WASHING”
- TRAUMA SYMPTOMS
- DEATH



# PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS



# 92.2% EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE

- STRANGULATION
  - STABBING/GUN SHOT
  - CIGARETTE BURNS
  - FORCED SEX
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- LAURA J. LEDERER AND CHRISTOPHER A. WETZEL, "THE HEALTH CONSEQUENCES OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR IDENTIFYING VICTIMS IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES," ANNALS OF HEALTH LAW, V. 23, ISSUE 1, WINTER 2014, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW



# OBSERVATIONS AND QUESTIONS

# MANIPULATION

- MANY TIMES THERE ARE NO PHYSICAL CHAINS
- SURVIVORS DON'T ALWAYS RECOGNIZE THEY ARE/WERE VICTIMS
- DIFFICULT TO STAY OUT



# “RED FLAG” OBSERVATIONS

Evidence of being controlled

Disoriented

Excessive work hours and paid very little

Not in possession of identification documents

Works in the sex trade industry

Difficulty focusing, persistent fear, submissive behavior

Depression and/or anxiety

Flat Affect

Accompanied by older person

# ENGAGING SUSPECTED VICTIM/SURVIVOR

## Create A Safe Space

- Separate from suspected trafficker
- Offer choices
- Inform on limits of confidentiality

## No Judgement

- Normalize dynamics
- Be comfortable hearing their story
- Believe what you are told

## Incremental

- Don't push or rush information
- Allow for breaks
- Know your role
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- Do not overpromise



# QUESTIONS TO ASK

Are you in  
need of  
medical  
treatment?

How do you  
know this  
person?

What would  
happen if you  
left your job (or  
employer,  
boyfriend,  
etc)?

How do you  
make money  
for yourself or  
your family?

Have you ever  
been asked or  
told to have sex  
or perform sex  
acts for money,  
housing, or  
favors?

Do you feel  
unsafe or  
threatened in  
your life or do  
you feel your  
family is  
threatened?

# POSITIVE SCREEN

## MINORS

- CPS/CAN HOTLINE
- CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER  
REFERRAL
- POTENTIAL DHHS CASE

## ADULTS

- 911 OR 888.3737.888
- LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
  - THE SALVATION ARMY



# HELPING EFFECT CHANGE

MOTIVATION TO CHANGE HAPPENS WHEN THERE IS A  
REALIZED DISCREPANCY BETWEEN WHERE THE SURVIVOR IS  
AND WHERE THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE.

# SURVIVORS SAY THEY NEED



Rajaram, S.S. & Tidball, S. (2016). Nebraska Survivor's Speak – A Qualitative Study. Preliminary Report submitted to the Women's Fund of Omaha



# SURVIVORS SAY SERVICES SHOULD BE

<b>1</b>	<b>Easy to access, coordinated support, with few barriers to entry</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Holistic</b> (tending to multiple needs including mental, physical, and social)
<b>3</b>	<b>Trauma-Informed</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Culturally-appropriate</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Journey-orientated</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Collaborative</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Survivor-Informed</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Non-judgmental</b>

# SELF DETERMINATION

THE RIGHT TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT ONE'S OWN





Pre-  
Contemplation

Contemplation

Relapse

# Stages of Change

Prochaska and DiClemente

Preparation

Action

Maintenance

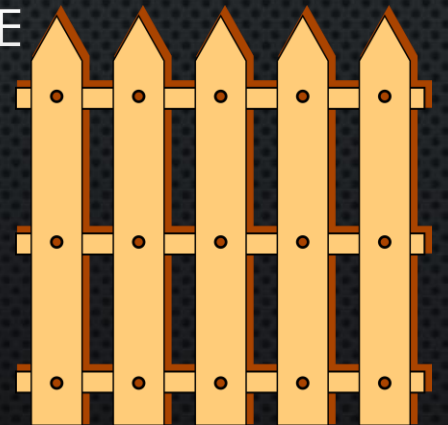
# PRE-CONTEMPLATION

- SURVIVOR DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE IS A PROBLEM
- PROFESSIONAL'S JOB
  - FOCUS ON BUILDING RELATIONSHIP
  - EDUCATE ON THE ISSUE
  - ENCOURAGE SELF-EXPLORATION
  - DEVELOP A REASON FOR CHANGE



# CONTEMPLATION

- SURVIVOR IS “ON THE FENCE”
- PROFESSIONAL’S JOB
  - HELP VICTIM EXPLORE THE PROS AND CONS OF CHANGE
  - HELP VICTIM REVIEW THEIR VALUES IN RELATIONSHIP TO CHANGE
  - ELICIT SELF MOTIVATIONAL STATEMENTS AND COMMITMENT



# PREPARATION

- SURVIVOR IS PLANNING TO MAKE THE CHANGE
- PROFESSIONAL'S JOB
  - PRAISE THEIR DECISION
  - ANTICIPATE AND PROBLEM-SOLVE BARRIERS TO CHANGE
  - OFFER A VARIETY OF OPTIONS
  - ENCOURAGE SMALL STEPS
  - IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL SOCIAL SUPPORTS





# THE PLAN

- THE SURVIVOR CREATES THEIR PLAN WITH COLLABORATION FROM THE PROFESSIONAL IN A WAY THE SEEMS REASONABLE AND DOABLE
- HAVE THE SURVIVOR TELL SOMEONE (**IF SAFE**)
- RELAPSE IS PART OF THE PLAN.

# THIS HEALING IS A LIFELONG PROCESS

- MANY WILL NEED A NEW SUPPORT SYSTEM
- THEY WILL NEED BREAKS IN TREATMENT
- THEY WILL GO BACK
- THERE WILL BE NEW TRIGGERS
- THERE WILL BE NEW LIFE EVENTS WHERE THEY WILL NEED SUPPORT

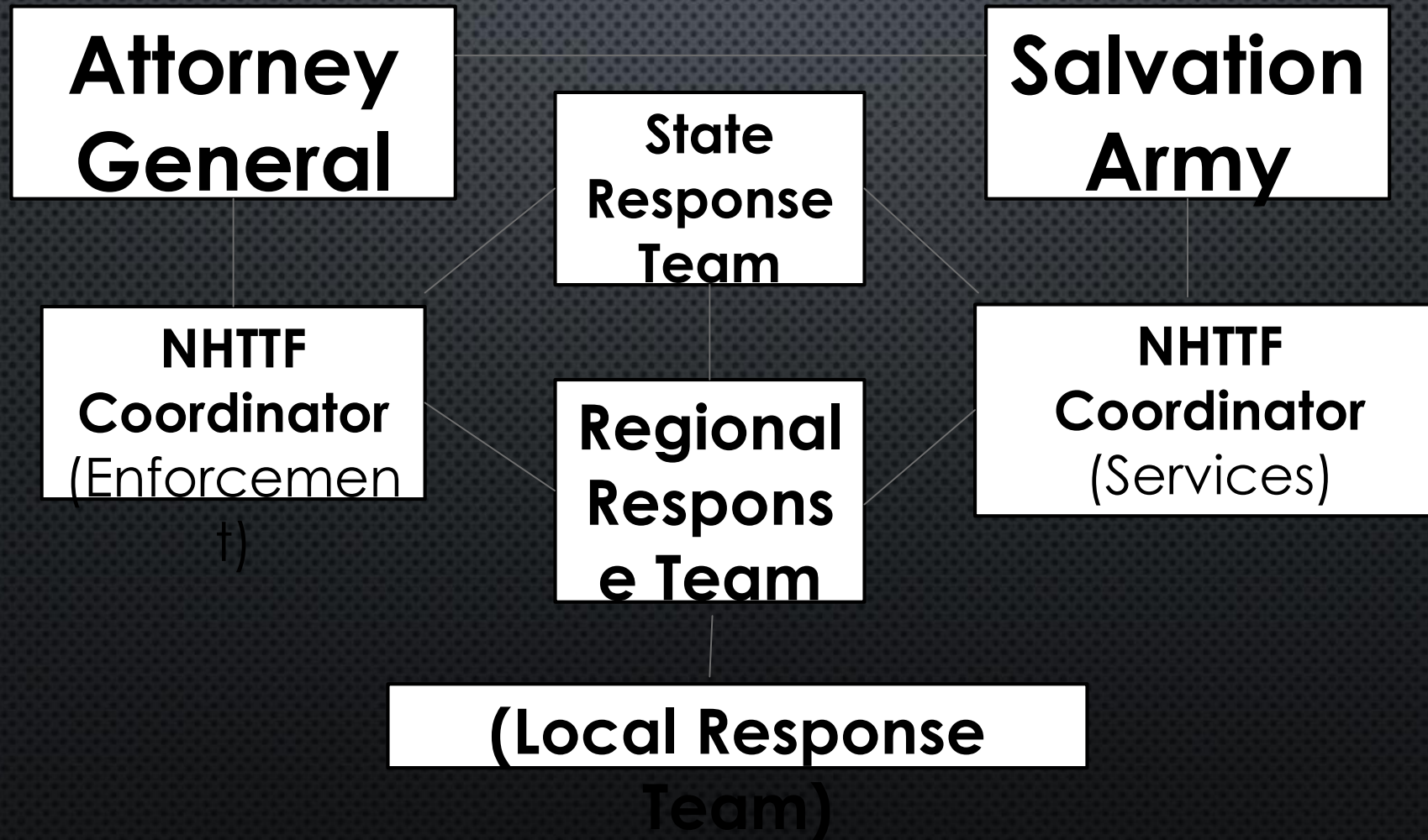


# HOW CAN WE HELP?

- TRAINING REQUESTS
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
- 24/7 HOTLINE
- INTAKE
- CASE COORDINATION
- CASE MANAGEMENT
- COLLABORATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION



# NHTTF OPERATIONAL COMPONENTS





# NHTTF APPROACH

Law  
Enforcement

Service  
Providers



**Community  
Caretaking**

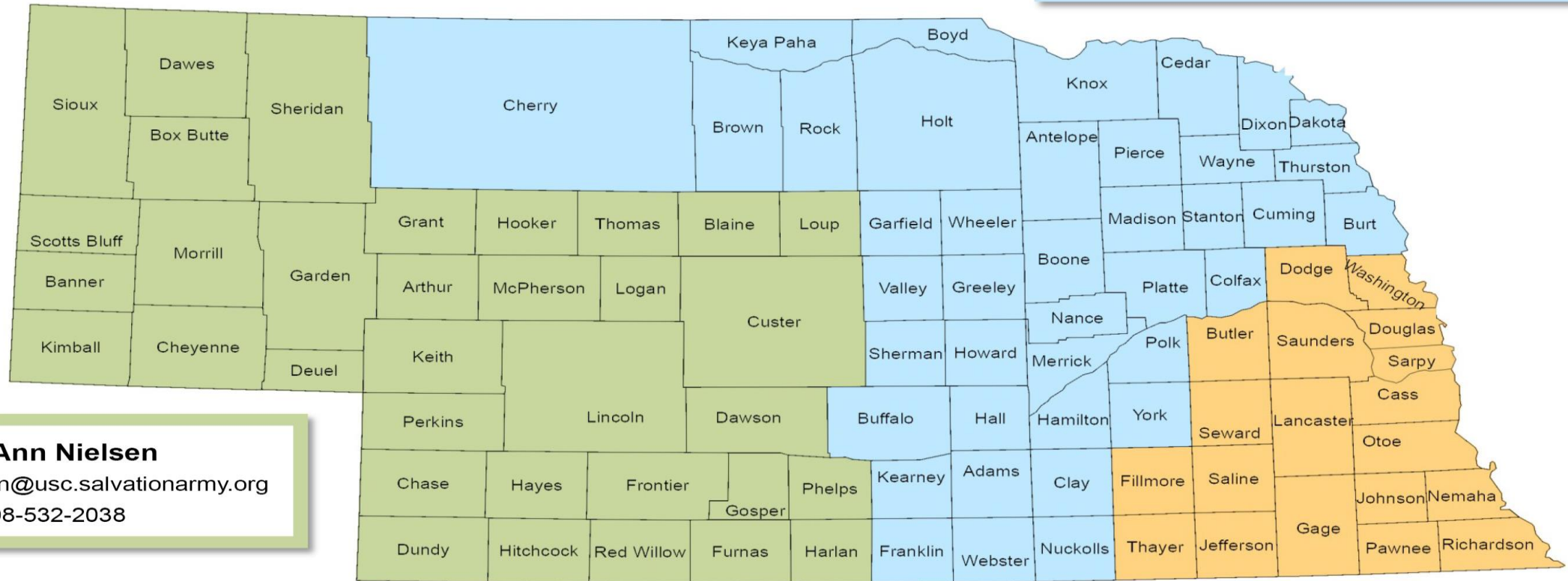
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# WHAT ARE YOU SEEING?

